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SUBJ: COSTA GOMES' AIRPORT STATEMENT ON RETURN FROM US EMPHASIZES
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SUMMARY: PRESIDENT COSTA GOMES, RETURNING FROM HIS US VISIT,
DELIVERED A BRIEF STATEMENT UPON HIS ARRIVAL AT LISBON AIRPORT. IN
FOUR POINTS HE OUTLINED HIS TRIP'S ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND, IN SO
DOING, GAVE AN INDICATION OF IMPORTANCE PRESIDENT ATTACHES TO
PORTUGAL'S NATO CONNECTION. END SUMMARY.

1. PRESIDENT COSTA GOMES RETURNED TO LISBON OCT 20 FROM HIS COMBINED
US/UN VISIT OF OCTOBER 16-19. PORTUGUESE PRESS COVERAGE NOTED THE
WELCOMING PRESENCE AT LISBON AIRPORT OF TOP MEMBERS OF THE PORTUGUESE
GOVERNMENT AND AMBASSADOR SCOTT. THE PRESS AND MEDIA ALSO NOTED, VIA
PHOTOGRAPHS AND LIVE COVERAGE, THE PRESIDENT'S EXCEPTIONALLY EXUBER-
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ANT APPEARANCE.

2.SPEAKING WITHOUT NOTES, COSTA GOMES MADE FOUR POINTS TO ASSEMBLED JOURNALISTS:

A. HE WAS RECEIVED WITH EXTRAORDINARY WARMTH AT THE UNITED NATIONS, EVIDENCE OF THE NEW ACCEPTANCE THAT PORTUGAL ENJOYS IN THAT WORLD BODY AND AMONG REPRESENTATIVES OF THE THIRD WORLD;

B. HIS TALKS WITH PRESIDENT FORD AND SECRETARY KISSINGER WERE OF THE HIGHEST IMPORTANCE. HE TOOK OCCASION TO SEND PUBLIC THANKS TO PRESIDENT FORD AND SECRETARY KISSINGER FOR THE WELCOME HE RECEIVED AND FOR THE FRIENDLINESS "WHICH I SHALL NEVER BE ABLE TO FORGET". HE EMPHASIZED THE IMPORTANCE OF HIS TALKS IN WASHINGTON WHICH "OPENED THE DOORS FOR NEGOTIATIONS IN WHICH BOTH THE US AND, ESPECIALLY, WE ARE INTERESTED SINCE THE AID WHICH WE CAN OBTAIN FROM THAT GREAT COUNTRY WILL CERTAINLY BE GIVEN AS WE DESIRE".

C. IN RELATION TO HIS VISIT TO NORFOLK, COSTA GOMES REMINDED LISTENERS

THAT PORTUGAL IS A PART OF NATO, AND EXPRESSED VIEW THAT IT IS NECESSARY THAT PORTUGAL SO CONTINUE. ADHERENCE TO INTERNATIONAL OBLIGATIONS IS PART OF AFM PROGRAM AND FURTHERMORE, "WE HAVE A GEO-STRATEGIC POSITION WHICH OBLIGES US TO TAKE AN OPTION, AND I FEEL THAT THE OPTION TAKEN IS THAT WHICH IS ABSOLUTELY WITHIN (SIC) OUR SITUATION, OUR THINKING, AND DESIRED BY THE PORTUGUESE PEOPLE".

D. HE WAS STRUCK BY THE RECEPTION ACCORDED HIM BY MEMBERS OF THE AMERICAN-PORTUGUESE COMMUNITY, SOME OF WHOSE MEMBERS TRAVELED FROM SAN FRANCISCO AND LOS ANGELES TO NEW YORK IN ORDER TO GREET HIM. HE FOUND THEM DEEPLY CONCERNED ABOUT RECENT EVENTS IN PORTUGAL AND HOPED THAT THIS CONTACT HAD SERVED TO REASSURE THEM CONCERNING THE TRUE SITUATION IN A COUNTRY TO WHICH THEY REMAINED STRONGLY ATTACHED AND TO WHICH HE TOO HOPED THEY WOULD REMAIN ATTACHED.

3. COMMENT: THE PRESIDENT'S UNUSUAL PUBLIC BOUYANCY, COMBINED WITH THE

WARMTH AND CONVICTION WITH WHICH HE SPOKE, CONVEYED AN IMPRESSION OF A MAN EMINENTLY PLEASED WITH WHAT HIS TRIP ACCOMPLISHED. CONSIDERING THAT THE TRIP'S INITIAL THEMES WERE ONLY TWO (PORTUGAL AND THE UN, PORTUGUESE BILATERAL RELATIONS WITH THE US), THE GRATUITOUS ADDITION OF PORTUGAL'S NATO CONNECTION AND HER RARELY MENTIONED CULTURAL LINKS WITH THE UNITED STATES TAKE ON SPECIAL SIGNIFICANCE. INsofar AS US INTERESTS ARE CONCERNED, NO MORE EFFECTIVE PUBLIC RELATIONS CAPSTONE TO A HIGHLY-TOUTED VISIT COULD HAVE BEEN HOPED FOR

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